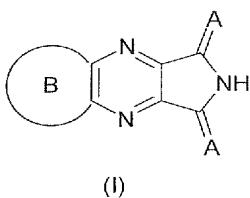
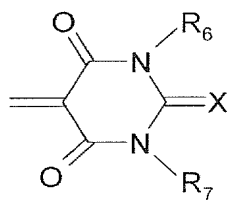


Amendments to the Claims

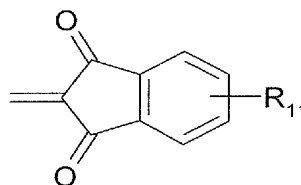
1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula (I)



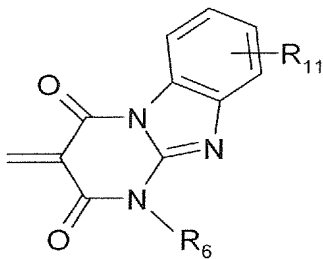
wherein A is a divalent, alicyclic or heterocyclic radical of the formula (a), (c) or (f)



(a)



(c)



(f)

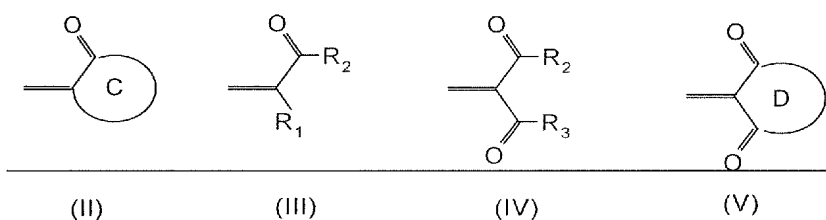
wherein

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> independently of one another are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>25</sub> alkyl

X=O

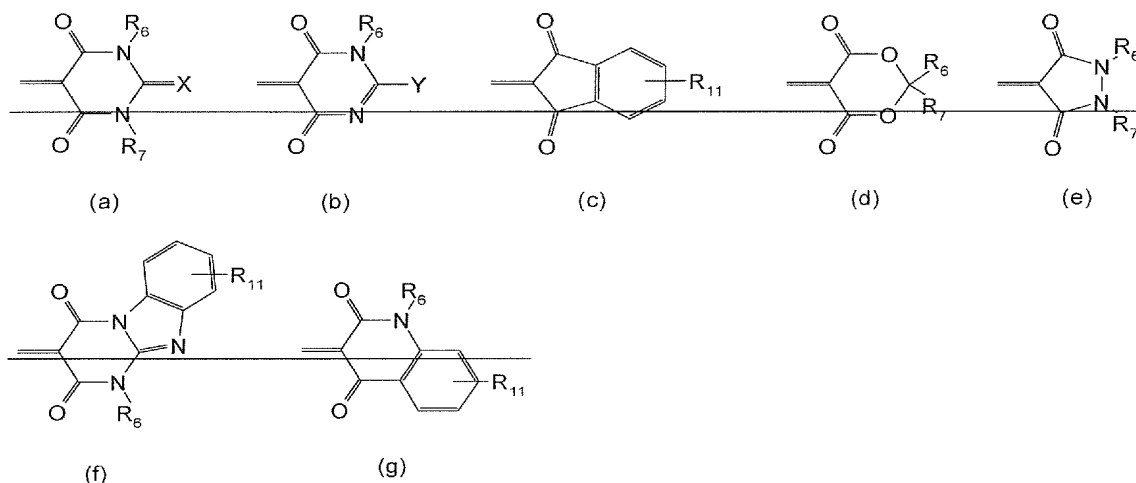
R<sub>11</sub> is hydrogen, and

B is ortho-C<sub>6</sub>-arylene group of the general formula (II), (III), (IV) or (V)



wherein C and D are an alicyclic or heterocyclic group;  
R<sub>1</sub> is CN or is a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3  
heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,  
and R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> independently of one another are C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-  
C<sub>24</sub>-aryl, OH, OR<sub>4</sub> or NR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are identical or different and are  
hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>-aryl unsubstituted or substituted by  
1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals halogen, R<sup>0</sup>, OR<sup>0</sup>, SR<sup>0</sup>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHR<sup>0</sup>, NR<sup>0</sup><sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, COOH, COOR<sup>0</sup>,  
CONH<sub>2</sub>, CONHR<sup>0</sup>, CONR<sup>0</sup><sub>2</sub>, CN, SO<sub>3</sub>H, SO<sub>2</sub>(OR<sup>0</sup>), SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>0</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>0</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>0</sup><sub>2</sub> a 5-  
to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from  
the group consisting of N, O, and S, or are a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic  
radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and  
S,  
R<sup>0</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>-aryl;  
and B is unsubstituted or mono- to tetrasubstituted ortho-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-arylene.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub>  
are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl. A is a divalent alicyclic or heterocyclic radical of the  
formulae (a) to (g)



where  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  independently of one another are hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$  aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkyl( $C_6$ - $C_{40}$  aryl), a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, S,  $-(CH_2)_n-COR_8$  and  $-(CH_2)_m-OR_9$ , wherein  $R_8$  is hydroxyl, amino, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhydroxyl- or amino-substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkyl)amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkyl( $C_6$ - $C_{40}$  aryl)amino, ( $C_6$ - $C_{24}$  aryl)amino, di( $C_6$ - $C_{24}$  aryl)amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkyl( $C_6$ - $C_{40}$  aryl)amino, or  $C_2$ - $C_{24}$  alkenyloxy, and  $R_9$  is hydrogen or  $-CO-(C_1$ - $C_{25}$  alkyl), and  $n$  and  $m$  independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 6, and wherein in  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$ , and  $R_9$ , optionally a C-C unit is replaced by an ether unit C-O-C,

$X$  is  $=O$ ,  $=S$  or  $=NR_{10}$ , wherein  $R_{10}$  has one of the definitions of  $R_6$ ;

$Y$  is hydrogen,  $R_7$ ,  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$ ,  $NHCN$  or  $NR_7R_{10}$ ;

and  $R_{11}$  is hydrogen, halogen, CN,  $R_7$ ,  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$ ,  $NR_7R_{10}$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $SO_2(OR_7)$ ,  $SO_2R_7$ ,  $SO_2NHR_7$ ,  $SO_2N(R_7)_2$  or  $PO_2(OR_7)$ .

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3. through 12 (Cancelled)